# Bar Hill News

April '99 No. 353

## Come and find my Easter eggs!

**The Bar Hill Easter Egg Hunt**

**Friday 9th April**

**1.00 to 4.00 pm**

**Sunshine Pre-School Building**

## Children's activity afternoon

# Bar Hill Residents' Association

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## Objectives

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## Health Centre ☎ 780442

Health Visitors - 781855

| | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| | Morning | Afternoon | Morning | Afternoon | Morning | Afternoon | Morning | Afternoon | Morning | Afternoon |
| **Health Centre** | 8:30-12:00 | 2:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2:00-6:00 | 8:30-12.00 | 2:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2:00-6:00 |
| Dr. R. Ranasinghe | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2.30-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2.30-6:00 | | | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 |
| Dr. J. Hassan | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 | 8:30-10:00 | | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 |
| Practice Nurse | 8:30-12:00 | 4:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2:30-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 2.30-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 | 8:30-12:00 | 3:00-6:00 |
| Child Immunisation (Practice Nurse) | | 03:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Physiotherapist | 08:40 | | | 03:00 | | | | | | |
| Midwife (Antenatals) | | 02:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Child Health Clinic (Child and Family team - by appointment only) | | | | | | | | | | 2:00-4.30[1] |
| Chiropody | | | | | 9:00-12:00 | | 9:00-12:00 | 2:00-5:00 | | |
| Dietitian | | | 9:30-12:30[3] | | | | | | | |
| Orthoptist | | | 9:00-12:30[2] | | | | | | 9:00-12:30[4] | |
| Psychiatric Doctor | | | | | | | | | | 2:00-4:30[5] |
| Psychiatric Nurse | | | | | | 02:00 | | | | |
| CAMTAD | | | 9:00-12:00[4] | | | | | | | |
| Consultant Paediatrician | | | | | | 2:00-5:00[3] | | | | |

1 - 1st & 3rd in month
2 - 2nd in month
3 - 3rd in month
4 - 4th in month
5 - 2nd & 4th in month

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## Useful telephone numbers

| | |
|---|---|
| Bar Hill News (1/4 page adverts) | 201421 |
| Bar Hill News (general) | 200941 |
| Church (Revd. Gary Renison) | 781629 |
| Health Centre | 780442 |
| Parish Council (Clerk) | 780456 |
| Police (PC 1187 Richard Newman) | 01223 358966 |
| Pre-School Playgroup | 780445 |
| School | 273305 |
| Social Club | 206117 |
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| Swavesey VC | 230366 |
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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

**50th Anniversary of the Association of Hospital Friends**

Bar Hill News readers may not know that after 50 years of service to members of the public with greatest needs, all over the country Leagues of the Friends of Hospitals are as active as ever, and are playing an important part in the development of Health Services.

In Cambridgeshire the Friends of Fulbourn Hospital & the Community are exploring new ways to help those with mental health problems in the Community whilst still supporting those in Fulbourn by organising ward visits, parties, Christmas presents and so on.

A recent development which may well have countrywide importance is the setting up of the Forum Lunch Club for older members of the public with Academic & Professional backgrounds who now have mental health problems. This is an area which has been neglected in the past, and something valuable has been achieved locally which may serve as a model elsewhere.

There is vital work to be done by Hospital Friends in the planning and development of services as well as individual support, and the Friends of Fulbourn would very much welcome new members from Bar Hill to help in the work. As Membership Secretary I should be delighted to send details of membership to anyone interested and discuss possible ways of helping.

*John W. Jarvis*
*Membership Secretary*
*134 Pheasant Rise, **789746***

**Paul Harding of Chestnut Rise, who died 27th September '98, aged 44 years.**

Linda, Abi and Jon would like to express thanks to all their friends and neighbours and everyone for all their kindness, support and continuing concern for them, both during Paul's short illness and since his death.

It has given us enormous comfort and strength.

**Thank you so much**

**Are you a parent of a daughter aged between 13 and 16?**

Do you know your daughter's movements and the people she associates with between leaving school and 11pm?

A gang of some dozen young girls congregates in the Mall and near TESCO'S rear doors begging single adult males to buy booze and cigarettes for them. A refusal results in a stream of language that would not be out of place on a building site. This continues every time the unfortunate victim of these 'villains with angel faces' goes near or indeed into TESCO'S. The security guards and the Police are aware of this situation, but, of course, they cannot be on hand all the time. **You, as parents, are.** So save your daughter from this stupid behaviour and give her an interest in life. Anything must be better than the present situation. I look forward to reading any replies from parents in future issues of the Bar Hill News.

*Name and address withheld by the Editor*

**The annual Bar Hill Dinner Dance**

This year it will be held in the Cambridgeshire Suite of the Moat House on Saturday 10th July at 7pm (dinner 8pm). Dancing will be to the Steve Hooker Band (as seen at the Social Club). Tickets will be about £25. For provisional booking/more information please phone Roger or Jo Hall on **780304**.

Dear Editor,

About a month ago I lost a big brown envelope containing some valuable personal papers. A kind lady found them in Tesco's car park and phoned me to say that she would return them.

Unfortunately I didn't note her name, phone no. or address at the time, and she has still not returned it. I have put a notice up at Forbuoys and Tesco, but still no envelope! Can you help?

I have lived in the Dry Drayton area all my life and have recently written in the Dry Drayton news letter about my memories of this area over the last 70+ years. I used to work in the fields that are now 'Bar Hill' and, if I get this envelope back, I would be able to tell some tales!

*Mr. S. G. Martin*
*Cambridge Housing Society*
*Langdon House*
*Scotland Road*
*Cambridge*
*CB4 1QE*
*Tel: **01223 360982***

# Charity Breakfast

A charity breakfast party at 111 Hillcrest on Feb. 26th raised £58.12 for The Cancer Research Campaign.

21 people joined in the breakfast, which was one of thousands held across the UK as part of Britain's biggest ever 'all day' breakfast.

Local organiser, Avril Williams, said 'I want to thank everyone who made such an effort to make the breakfast a huge success! The money will help **The Cancer Research Campaign** enourmously.'

The Campaign and Kellogg's All-Bran teamed up to stage the event to raise funds for the vital bowel cancer research. Bowel cancer is the second biggest killer cancer (31,000 new cases each year in the UK!)

## Bar Hill Parish Council

2 The Mall
☎780456

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on 18th March

**Tesco Redevelopment**. All quiet on the western front; hopefully an update will be given in the next issue.

**Play Area**. A quotation has been accepted for the refurbishment and new equipment for play areas around the Village, which will soon be in situ.

**Youth Centre**. The English Basketball Association has agreed to supply a basketball post to be placed behind the Farmhouse Youth Centre. We are currently obtaining quotations from contractors to level and resurface the area.

**Lorries & Cars Parking on Grassed Areas**. Vehicles are still parking on grass verges around the Village. This is constantly leaving large ruts in the grass. Please let me have details of any vehicles doing this.

**Dog Fouling**. If you see an owner not clearing the above, please could you take a note of the type of dog, its colour, the time and place you witnessed it happening and, if possible, the owner's name. Contact South Cambs. District Council (**01223 443000**) and ask for the Dog Warden, who will then take the necessary action. The Clerk and the SCDC Dog Warden will be walking around the Village to decide where further notices are required.

**Grass Cutting**. A new Contractor has been appointed and will commence work in April.

**Village Green Drainage**. It has become apparent that the Village Green requires further drainage works. The Clerk has visited the site with a Land/ Drainage Consultant who has reported on his findings. The Environment Committee will be following this through.

**Shed Behind Farmhouse**. The Parish Council are refurbishing their half of the shed for use by the Colts Football Club and Bar Hill Guides. We will also be converting the School's half of the shed for bicycles.

**Rubbish Collections**. There are so many people in the Village who do not appear to know when the refuse collection day is. Please note it is on a **MONDAY**, unless it falls on a Bank Holiday. Then it is on the Tuesday. Rubbish is continually being put out within days of the last collection and is consequently pulled apart by cats etc., therefore spilling the contents all over paths and hedges. It really is unnecessary. Please remember others live in your area and have to put up with this problem.

**Parish Council meeting**

Please note that the annual Parish Council meeting will be on 29th April at 8pm in the Village Hall.

**Handy Telephone Numbers**. Street Lights: (freephone) **0800 253529** give the CCC No. (which will be written on the lamppost). South Cambridgeshire District Council Tel.: **(01223) 443000** (see page 268 of your telephone book for the services they cover). Cambridge County Council Tel.: **(01223) 717111** (see page 98 of your telephone book for the services they cover.)

Or, of course, call me and I will endeavor to be of assistance.

Lesley Sadler, Parish Clerk, **780456**

## Bar Hill Sports & Social Club

Well, despite all my protestations and naive statement to the contrary, I still remain your Chairman! What do I have to do to retire ?

Following a lively AGM all three outgoing officers were 'forced' to stand for one more year. Me as chairman, Lesley as Secretary and Abi as Treasurer. We have been reassured it will be for one year only and that the search for replacements is to begin straight away.

A new committee was elected and some fresh faces agreed to stand, namely Mark Gordon, Diane Chapman Carol Lamont, Tony Shubotham, Kevin Jacobs and Valerie Evans. These now join some of our veterans Neil Hassall, Paul Goodfield, Brian Burrage, Roger Hackin, Phil Circuit and Margaret Carpenter.

If you have any new ideas, comments or suggestions please pass them on to Lesley or any of the above committee members and they will be raised at our regular committee meetings on your behalf.

Once again Project 2000 raised its head and Bob Sadler, Chairman of the Parish Council, updated the meeting with the current position and possibility of funding following the Tesco Development.

The meeting fully accepted that for the first time perhaps in living memory, the Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee and the Social Club are actually singing from the same hymn sheet and working together! Although, once again we were asked to be patient as an agreement was imminent and Bob Sadler felt confident of a satisfactory outcome.

Due to the strike by the port's Duty Free workers and the blocking of ferry departures, our trip to France was postponed, (having already started the journey) and reorganised for 29th March. The saga of the Social Club coach trips continues !

One of the first and most important tasks is to take over the Millennium Committee and confirm all the necessary bookings. Hopefully by next month's issue I will have some news of ideas and a programme of events from the new committee.

A special thank you to all those who attended the AGM; it was especially satisfying to see five, yes five, members of the Parish Council at the meeting. See, things are definitely improving.

Forthcoming events:

Fri. 2 April - Adults' Easter Disco
Sat. 3 April - Childrens' Easter Disco
Sat. 1 May - Bar Hill Golf Society Race Night
Fri. 14 May - Nic Picasso

*Graham Sadler Chairman (again !)*

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We would like to welcome you to The Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup.

We are located in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green and can be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The aim of our successful playgroup is to enhance the personal and social development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, and providing the educational setting that ensures we meet with the OFSTED inspections. All our sessions are run by our team of friendly, trained and experienced ladies - Heather, Jenny and Gill.

**Session times:-**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mon, Wed & Thu. | 9.15 - 11.45 am |
| Tue. | 12.30 - 3.00 pm |
| Fri. 'Rising Fives' | 9.15 - 11.45 am |

**New phone number**

Please note that the new phone number for Playgroup is **206179**.

**Information**

Did you know that at our Playgroup we use a vast amount of equipment ? This includes a slide, a climbing frame, some lovely dressing-up clothes, a playhouse, a Brio train set, a sand/water play area, a painting area and a book corner. Each session has a timetable of events in both rooms. Our Craft Room provides us with the facilities to develop mathematics, scientific reasoning and Information Technology through a series of topics which incorporates the use of all of the equipment.

If you would like to call in and see what we offer please do. The staff will be happy to see you.

We offer subsidised places to parents on Income Support and Family Credit. Any such request goes before the committee and is dealt with sensitively and on an individual basis.

Please call our administrator, Julie Jolley on 780445 to book a place or for more information.

**Diary Date**

AGM - July 8th - 8pm - Village Hall Guest speaker to be announced. Please support this event.

Here is another reason Y one man's life made such an impact that calendars are dated from his birth. There has never been anyone like him. Ever.

**Y - the cross**

'The Y represents Jesus with his arms outstretched - hanging on a cross.

Jesus said he had come to give his life as a ransom. His death was the payment needed to free us from the penalty that sin brings. The death of Jesus on the cross was so that we could be forgiven. This is the great message of Easter.

Jesus showed his love by willingly leaving the wonder of heaven to die for us. On the cross, the perfect and sinless One gave his life as a sacrifice for our sins. He made it possible for all of us to be forgiven'.

If you would like to keep this text, it is available in a series of bookmarks simply by picking up a copy of 'The Octagon' from either of the Church buildings or by speaking to Maureen and Ian Hay (**789351**).

# Under Ones

Come along from 10 - 12 am on a Wednesday morning in the Church Octagon for coffee/tea and a chat.

All are welcome, mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers with babies birth to 12 months.

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April is **'National litter awareness month'**, and to start it off with a bang you should come and join us on

# The Litter Bust

Tuesday 6th April

1.00 pm at The Old Farmhouse

*Hannah Webb **200261***

# Safe Driving Over 60

All drivers aged 60+ are invited to a workshop with Mr. D. Bodnick (Crown Driving School) in the Octagon on Friday 16th April 2-5pm.

A 'Road Safety' Police Officer will be there to assist and to explain the new sections of The Highway Code.

There will be a demonstration of various road incidents, using model vehicles, so it should be a friendly and informative afternoon!

Tea and biscuits will be served at the interval.

For more information ring Edna Goodman **200959**.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Spring is coming! Now is the time to be extra vigilant and make sure you don't leave your home and car unsecured. Keep your garden tools under lock and key when not in use.

Read and digest the crime prevention leaflet that arrived with your council tax demand. It contains sound information.

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thu. 20th May at 8.30pm. Please come along and show your support for Neighbourhood Watch. If you have any queries or would like some information please call me.

*John Revell **201258***

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Thank you to Ruby Hunt, Jeanette Barber, Sarah Freston, Kath Hounsell, Judith Purton and Sarah Stevens who resigned from the committee at the AGM. Thanks for all your hard work! We welcome Donna Sparkes and Tracy Brand and give a special thanks to Xanthe Randall for becoming our new chairman.

**Sessions** There will be no sessions on 2nd or 9th April due to the school holidays

**Nearly New Sale** Sat. 24th Apr. 2-3pm at the School. Condition forms for sellers are available from Wendy Caton **782041**. Goods for sale must be brought to the School on Fri. 23rd Apr. at and not before 7.40pm. Unsold items must be collected from the School at 4.45pm on Sat. 24th Apr. It would help us if you could sort clothing between boys, girls and babies, etc. and mark all items clearly with the price and the seller number. Cheques will be sent out within one week of the sale. A one-off payment of £2, plus 10% commission will be deducted from your payment. Completed condition forms must be returned by 16th April.

**Cake Stall** We made £34.17 at last month's stall. Thank you for your donations and support. We hope to hold another one next month.

**AGM** The current Toy Library committee has 6 members who rely on the willing help of our other members taking turns at the sessions. Please feel free to speak to any of the committee with any comments you may have about Toy Library or any suggestions that you may have for new toys. We look forward to meeting you at the next session. Ask your friends to come with you, we welcome residents from surrounding villages too.

For more information about Toy Library pick up a copy of our latest Newsletter at Toy Library sessions (see teddy for times) or ring Avril on **782431**

# Bar Hill PTA

**Diary Dates**

Sat. 8th May 10am - 3pm Family Fun Day.
Thu. 13th May - 2-5pm Summer bedding plants
Sat. 29th May - Car boot/bike sale

**News**

The stencil evening on Mar. 3rd was a great success, and I'm sure everyone who came went home very inspired.

**Forthcoming events**

The Family Fun Day on May 8th will be bigger than ever! There will be races to suit all, from the competitive athlete to fun races. There will be lots of games, a tug-of-war, tombola, bouncy castle, fire engine and a crèche for the little people and lots more. So come along and join in the fun!

**Car boot/bike sale**

Due to the great success of last year's car boot/bike sale we are holding another! This year it will be on 29th May from 9.00 to 12.30 and this year will include large garden toys for sale. So clear out your house and start planning your pitch! For details ring Keith (**200880**) or Kevin (**780120**).

*E. Washbourne*

# The Pond

*I've watched the pond throughout the year.*
*My enthusiasm gets no less.*
*In the winter months I'm sad to say*
*It does look a bit of a mess*

*The Damsels and Dragons have laid their eggs*
*Underwater, down a flag iris stem,*
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*Skaters, Boatmen and whirligigs too*
*Spend the duller months tucked away,*
*Looking forward to a nice warm spring*
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*There's diving beetles, big and small,*
*The 'Great Diver' is a bit of a hog.*
*Because of his size and ferociousness*
*He eats everything... from fish to frog!*

*The kingfisher sits on his perch looking down,*
*In his blue coat, a king with no crown,*
*Minnow or stickleback, both are fair game,*
*One's a bit bigger, but both taste the same!*

*Frogs, toads and newts*
*Lots of eggs each must lay.*
*Other creatures have a banquet*
*But one or two get away!*

*So, the pond, big or small, must be looked after*
*It's home to insect and plant*
*Future generations will want to see it*
*It's no good us saying 'we can't'*

*Nick Richardson*

# The Royal British Legion

Our branch was well represented at a meeting of No. 4 Group at Swavesey. There was a good attendance and one of our members, Margaret Clark, was appointed Secretary and now joins her husband amongst the officers - Neville has been the Group Treasurer for the past three years.

The next branch meeting wil be on Thu. 22nd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will be followed by a 'Social'.

*E. Patrick 782136*

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The Solicitor in Bar Hill
47/8 Viking Way
☎ 208080

# CAM SIGHT Volunteers Needed

Cam Sight is the local society for blind and partially sighted people. On a Tuesday afternoon, (2.00 - 4.00 pm term time only) we run the 'New ways Workshop' where visually impaired people can learn new skills, making them more confident to live independently at home. This workshop is supported by volunteers and led by one of our Rehabilitation Workers. Although an interest in people is much more important than experience, full training is given.

If a Tuesday is not convenient but you would still be interested in volunteering please give me a ring

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# Woodcraft Folk

Woodcraft Folk is an organisation catering for boys and girls aged 6 years and upwards. Bar Hill has an 'Elfin' group for children aged between 6 and 10. The Foxglove Elfins meet every Friday evening during term time in the School Studio between 6 and 7.15 pm.

Woodcraft Folk is run as a parents' co-operative with all parents of participating children being involved in the planning and running of meetings.

For more information or enquiries about waiting lists, please contact Heather on **200927**.

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# Tesco development

With reference to the two letters in the March BHN; I have lived here for over 20 years and in an adjacent village for 10 years before that. I can remember what Bar Hill was like before Tesco. It was a village, a place where people came to live, not a place the surrounding areas used to do their shopping. It was a peaceful place with a community spirit, clean and tidy. Now all that has changed!

I remember when you could visit the doctors and pick up your prescription. Now it's a wait in Tesco!

I remember when you could walk the paths of Bar Hill without tripping over Tesco trolleys!

The truth is, Tesco have taken away the identity of this village and given us nothing in return.

The original supermarket was in what is now Jane Barratt's - big enough to see most people through the week. We did our weekly shop at Sainsburys, Coldhams Lane, The Beehive or Tesco Regent Street. We now have Tesco superstores at Bar Hill, Milton, New Market, Ely, Saffron Walden, Royston, St. Neots and the biggest one in the country this side of Peterborough. Nobody is more than 10 minutes drive from one, so why do we need a bigger store here ?

All that is required is for Tesco to modernise the existing store and clean up the surrounding areas they own. The Parish Council should take a tough stance with them and the problems of overnight lorry parking.

I predict that in 15 to 20 years time most of the small industrial units in the Village will have been taken over by 'big business' and we'll have our own mini 'Lakeside'. By then most of the people who came to live in a quiet Bar Hill Village will have moved away to find peace somewhere else!

*B. Crowder*

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The tradition of giving Easter eggs on Easter Sunday is a long one. Originally they were ordinary eggs which were hard boiled before being painted by hand. Each one would be decorated with pictures of the Easter story, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Eggs were chosen for this as they are a lovely symbol of new life emerging from a dark place. They were given - like hot cross buns on Good Friday - to help people remember what it was that was being commemorated at this time of year.

I must confess that I regret that we have lost the tradition of giving these sort of Easter eggs. The ones we tend to give today don't tell any sort of story or contain any sort of message, apart from the spin of the manufacturers. They are just chocolate, which after all we can get at any time of the year.

So, here's a suggestion. Why not give two eggs. One you've boiled and painted yourself - the children would love this - and which tells something of the Christian message of Easter. And a chocolate one. That way the real meaning of Easter is not forgotten amidst all the eating, the message of Jesus rising from the tomb to give new life to all who believe in him.

Happy Easter!

Rev. Gary Renison (Minister of Bar Hill Church).

# Little Acorns

Little Acorns is a privately run pre-school, where children are treated as valuable individuals and encouraged to participate in a wide variety of planned educational activities in a friendly, sociable environment. There are 3 qualified members of staff at each session.

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Our sessions are held in the Church Centre on a Tue. morning and Wed., Thu. and Fri. afternoons. We also have sessions in the School Studio on Mon. and Wed. mornings. (Mon. - children due to start School, Wed. - open to all ages)

We have a system of record keeping, enabling us to monitor each child's progress throughout the year. Each child is also allocated a 'key-worker', a member of staff who specifically monitors the children in their group. Several parent consultation evenings are provided throughout the year, ensuring that parents are kept up to date with their child's progress. We are also available at home to receive calls from parents wishing to discuss anything at any time.

Each child works through a series of workbooks and is able to take reading or workbooks home at the end of each session to share at home with the family.

There is a copy of our OFSTED nursery inspection report available to anyone on request.

From the term after their 4th birthday children are entitled to 5 free sessions per week under the Nursery Grant Scheme.

If you would like to find out more about the wide range of activities we offer or would like to arrange a visit please telephone us at any time. We would love to meet you and your child. Alternatively registration forms are available in the Toddlers room or the Library.

*Sally Gedney **201074** Deb Benstead **780284***

# PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Parent and Toddler Group is for children of 12 months to 3 years. Sessions are held in the Church Centre. In each session there will be painting, messy play, sand, large activity toys, puzzles, books and much more. We also have a singing and action time at the end of each session.

**Session times:**

Mon - Fri mornings 10.00-11.30
(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)
Mon & Tue afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more or book a session, please contact Janine **777303**. You are welcome to call in and have a chat with supervisors **Jo, Gill & Louise**.

**Pay & Play (Monday 1.30 - 3.00pm)**. All toddler age children are welcome. There is no need to book, just come along to these themed sessions for £1 per child, which includes a drink and biscuit (20p for tea & coffee). *Please note* - these sessions are now available to **all under pre-school children**

**Easter Playday** April 8th 10.00-12.00 in the Octagon.

The activities will include face painting, crafts, competitions, Big Toys and .... an Easter Egg Hunt! All under 7s are welcome. £1.50 for the first child, £1 for the others. For more information see the posters at Toddlers.

If you can help, please sign up on the noticeboard. Home-made cakes (or bought) will be gratefully received! Yummies for our Tummies! See you there!

**New Committee**

Here's wishing the new committee as much fun as we've had! Please support them all you can. They are there to support your children's development and their fun factor!

Thanks to the old committee, which has seen an amazing number of new arrivals (not part of the job description!). As yet, no sign of baby Bennett! And thank you to Lesley for all her hard work and to her husband for lending her to us for so long! Best wishes and here's to the sleepless nights!

*Melanie Stamp **789064***

# Children's Activity Afternoon

The date has been fixed for 15th July 2000. The venue will be the School field and playground.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Come and join in our fun Easter egg Hunt on **Friday 9th April** at the **Sunshine Building from 1-4 pm. There** will be a set of questions, some cryptic, some funny and some just plain daft for you and your children to solve, which will take you on a mysterious trip around the centre of the village. Solve all the clues correctly and you could win an exciting mystery prize! Entrance is only £1 per child, which includes refreshments and a chocolate egg. Once you have solved all the clues why not rest your weary feet and let the children create something sticky to take home! Sounds like fun? Come along and join in.

**Rainbow Craft and Play Day**

We are planning a colourful Rainbow Craft and Play Day on **Friday 4th June.** There will be a wide selection of craft items to Paint, colour, cut and stick, all of which you get to keep to decorate your walls! If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to help please feel free to contact one of us on the numbers below.

For further information please contact Lindsey Bladen **201516**, Kirsten Goodfield **200228** or Claire Thorby **781527**.

## From Experiment to Experience

***From Experiment to Experience***, a history of Bar Hill Church, 1965 - 1995, has been written by Bryan and Anne Pitman. Publication has been made possible by the sponsorship of members and friends of the Church. The history tells the Church's story from its beginnings and also covers the origins of the Village and its early days. Copies are on sale from the Church bookstall on Sunday mornings or from Jenny Knight, 67 Little Meadow, at £4 each for Bar Hill residents, £4.75 for people living elsewhere. Cheques should be made payable to Bar Hill Church.

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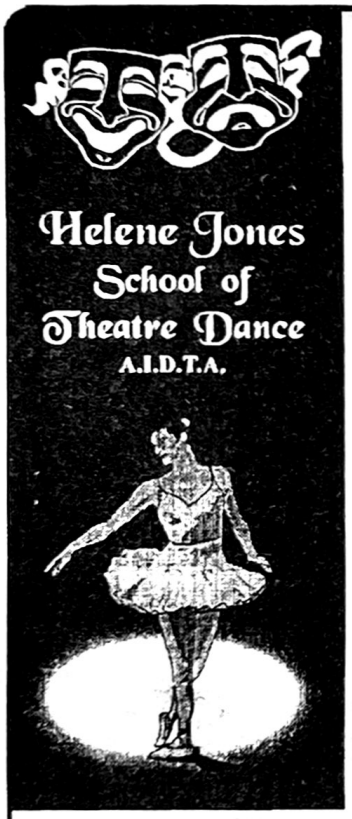


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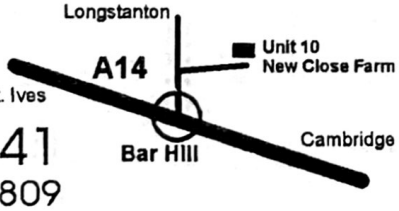


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**Useful numbers**

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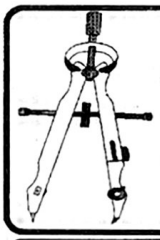
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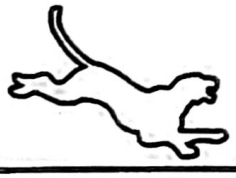

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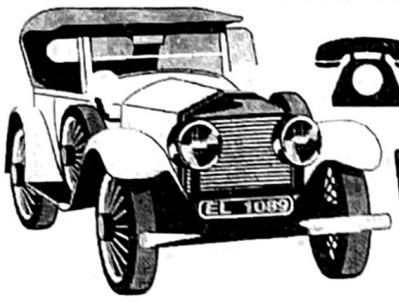

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# My memories of the 1920s and 1930s

What the youngsters did in those days.

Girls used to have skipping ropes, and spent hours with them (doing up to 100 jumps in one session!). They played 'hop scotch' (where they chalked squares on the ground about 2 feet apart, and hopped from one to the other). In those days nearly all girls played with dolls. Some had shoe boxes for cradles. Most parents scraped together enough money to buy them dolls' prams and dolls' houses. I made a dolls house for my daughters and remember using a cotton reel for the chimney. They spent hours playing with their dolls and putting them to bed.

Then they grew up, leaving school at 14 to face the world. Things were bleak in country villages. Usually girls had to work as domestic servants in local farmhouses or go to town and 'live-in' (visiting their parents on their ½ day off a week), but in Dry Drayton many decided to stay at home and do 'factory work'. This meant cycling in all weathers to either the Chivers jam factory at Histon (5 miles) or to the Girton laundry (4 miles). The jam factory had a siren that could be heard loud and clear in Dry Drayton. The times of work were 8am to 6pm - a long day!

3 out of 4 girls preferred 'factory work' until they got married. Some carried on after marriage and even after rearing a family. They often went back because of the good social life after work! The siren has stopped now and the laundry at Girton has closed.

Just reflect, as you get your car out of the garage to take your children to school, on the hard life your grandparents had. I well remember that before WW2 about 20 girls and boys used to walk to school from the Scotland Farm houses - one mile (and in all weathers!)

One of the boys' games was marbles. They made a small hole in a level bit of the playground and got their marbles out of a small bag. From a short distance they flicked each one in turn, using their thumb or finger, towards the hole. The first one to get 10 in the hole was the winner. You've heard of people 'losing their marbles' That's where it comes from!

Another game was top spinning. This involved getting a piece of wood, tying string to it and winding the string around a top, which you could buy. It would spin round for some minutes.

My favourite game was 'trundling'. Boys and girls used to buy wooden hoops and a stick and bowl them along the road (no motor vehicles then!) But to 'trundle' you needed more skill. You had to get a nice strong stick about 2 foot long, find an old cycle wheel, remove the tyre, tube etc. so that you had a wheel with a nice open rim. Then put the stick in the open rim and take off! But, like cycles, the momentum kept you going or you fell off'! That was called 'trundling'.

Dry Drayton only had a primary school, so for both sexes the last 3 years was mostly a waste of time, spent playing around. As the boys left school at the age of 14 the outlook for them was grim; it usually meant land work and low wages, but if you could get work on Chivers Fruit Farms you could later get a job in the factory at a better wage.

As teenagers we bought bicycles and we used to cycle to town on a Saturday afternoon to the pictures or theatre, leave our cycles in a shop, paying 3d for storage, and walk to the town centre to a venue of our choice.

One attraction was the well known Dorothy Ballroom. I well remember another dance centre around a band stand in the centre of Christ's Pieces, now all gone.

**A Stick and Hoop Story**

A man called into his local car show-room, 'I want some transport', he explained. 'Certainly sir', responded the salesman. 'Here's a beautiful Rolls-Royce, £50,000'. 'Oh no' replied the customer, 'I can't afford anything like that'. 'Here's a very nice family saloon, ten grand'. 'Sorry', said the man, 'there's only me'. 'How about a small motorbike, for say, fifteen hundred ?' 'Look, I only want something to get me out into the country on a Sunday'. Well, there's a pair of roller skates, second-hand, fifteen quid'. 'No way am I paying that sort of money', said the man. 'Here you are then', said the frustrated salesman 'a hoop and a stick, twenty five pence'. 'That's it', said the man, paid up and left as happy as Larry. Came Sunday, a glorious day and out came the hoop and stick. Off went our hero and, spotting a country pub, put his hoop in the car park and went in for a drink.

An hour later he came out and went to the car park. No hoop. 'Oi!' he said to the man in charge, 'someone's nicked my hoop', 'So what', he replied, 'it couldn't have cost you more than five bob'. 'It's not the money', fumed the hoopless one, 'how am I gonna get home with no transport?'.

*Sid Martin*

# Bar Hill Tennis Club

**Welcome to the 1999 season.**

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## What the burglar does to you and what you can do to the burglar!

During the coming months three groups of people become more active; the DIY enthusiast, the gardener and, of course, the **burglar**. Here are a few tips on how your normal activities can be applied to security.

**Burglar: The burglar will call at your address with an apparently genuine reason.**

You: Check the ID of all callers. If they are selling 'door to door', ask to see their 'Peddler's Certificate'. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators (John Revell, **201258**) have examples. Note that it is not a plastic card with a photograph on it and also that failure to have a valid certificate is an offence.

Challenge all strangers. Any genuine person will respond positively. "Can I help you ?" is often all that is required to deter a suspicious character; he doesn't like being seen.

**Burglar: If your house appears to be empty, he will look for a way to get round the back.**

You: Make your house look occupied. Timer switches on radios & lights. Curtain closure devices are also recommended. Close the garage door behind you (an empty garage tells him all he wants to know). Consider getting a dog, noisy is as good as big, a burglar doesn't like attention. When going on holiday get a neighbour to push mail through the letter box and, if possible, park a car on your drive.

**Burglar: He will get round to the rear of your property the quickest way possible.**

You: **Stop him!** Fit lockable side gates. Make sure boundary fences are not sturdy enough to support someone's weight, and if they are, nail some flimsy trellis on top (planning offices or crime prevention can advise you on permitted heights). This causes noise (and pain!), as does the planting of thorny bushes (Burglaris Disembowellus) at vulnerable points. eg. Holly, Blackthorn, Pyrocantha and the old favourite Loganberry (which also makes great jam!)

**Burglar: He will look for tools from your garden shed or garage.**

You: Fit good locks with security screws to outbuildings. Fit locks and alarms to 'up & over' garage doors. Secure ladders, spades, etc. with cycle locks.

**Burglar: He will force a rear ground floor window, patio door or door panel.**

You: Fit window locks, patio runner locks and re-inforce door panels with marine plywood or mild steel plate. Consider an alarm. Check your insurance policy, as most insist on a 5 lever front door lock (BS3621) as a minimum requirement. He will spend a maximum of 10 minutes trying to get in, so keep him out at least that long.

**Burglar: If he does get in he will go straight to what is obviously the main bedroom.**

You: Keep small valuables in an unusual place (anywhere but the jewellery box on the dresser). Keep keys hidden when you're away because the burglar likes to lock himself in so that if you come back unexpectedly he'll hear you fumbling at the lock and escape out of the back door!

**Mark your property** - 'postcoding' catches more burglars than police dogs! Plus, it helps the police return items to their rightful owners.

**Burglar: A car will normally be seen.**

You: Report immediately to the police **(01223 358966)** any suspicious vehicles (don't forget to get their registration number!)

**Finally:..**

This advice does work. How do we know ? - The burglars tell us !

*Thank you!*

If you think a crime has occurred or is imminent then **please** ring **999**.

If you would like more information about home security, Neighbourhood Watch or the S. Camb's. Safer Village Initiative please contact Rob Mills, Community Safety Officer, **01223 443269** or The Police Crime Reduction Unit **01223 358966**.

## A view from behind the bar

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Next on are two old favourites, Marston's Pedigree (4.5%), a very morish beer with a distinctive 'nose', and Adnams' Broadside (4.7%), a well balanced beer full of fruit and hops. Very drinkable!

A small local brewery gets a look in next, Nethergates IPA (3.6%), brewed in the picturesque village of Clare in Suffolk. This is a malty straw coloured session beer with a well deserved reputation.

St. George's day is on the 23rd April and to celebrate we will serving Fuller's London Pride (4.1%) at £1.50 a pint, a wonderful full hopped beer, and gin at only £1 a double! As the 23rd is a Friday you can really indulge yourselves.

We round off the month with Bateman's Six Wives (4.0%), a floral and full bodied beer.

The wine of the month is a fruity dry white, Les Viglnes Retrouvees 1997. Why not try a glass instead of your usual tipple ?

**Competition**

Well done Nick Pitman who correctly answered February's question. 1914 saw the introduction of the Defence of the Realm Act, which changed the licensing laws of the country, in particular the hours. This was done to curtail drunkeness which, at the time, was rife due in part to the fact that beer was only around 2d a pint (less than 1p!) and had a strength of around 5.2%. Ahh the good old days!

This month's question, spot the odd one out:-

Copper - hopback - still - mash tun - fermenting vessel.

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Jethro

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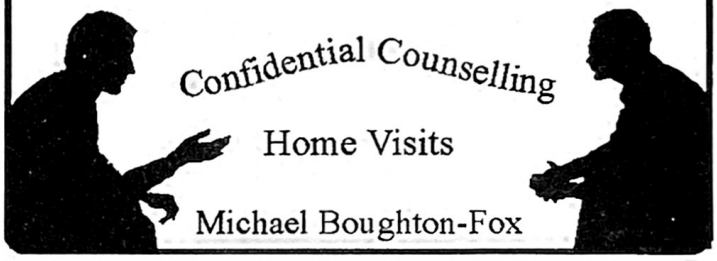


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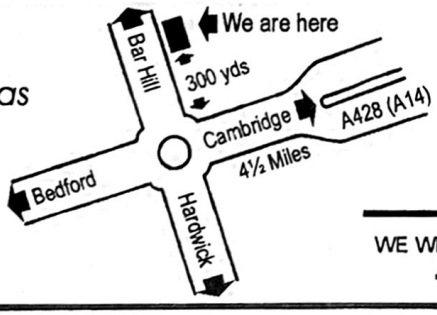


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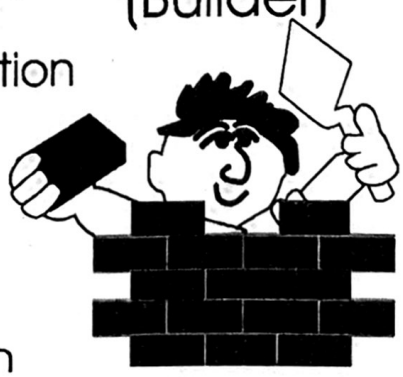

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| Fri. 5th | 7.00pm | Women's World Day of Prayer Service | |
| Sun. 7th | 10.00am | Special Anniversary Service | Preacher: Rev James Newcome |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion | Preacher: Rev Gary Renison |
| Sun. 14th | 8.00am | Holy Communion | |
| | 10.00am | Mothering Sunday Service | Preacher: Mrs. Di Gunton |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Worship | Led by members of Open House Groups |
| Sun. 21st | 10.00am | Holy Communion | |
| | | Sermon: 'Blessings' (Malachi) | Preacher: Rev Gary Renison |
| | 6.30pm | Contemporary Service | Preacher: Rev Gary Renison |
| Wed. 24th | 10.00am | Mid-Week Holy Communion | |
| Sun. 28th | 10.00am | Palm Sunday Family Service | |
| | | Sermon : 'Promise' (Zechariah) | Preacher: Rev Anthony Howells |
| | 6.30pm | Quiet Communion | Preacher: Rev Gary Renison |

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| People to Contact: | The Minister | Rev Gary Renison | 01954 781629 |
| | Assistant Minister | Rev Anthony Howells | 01223 311572 |
| | Church Secretary | Mrs. Joy Childs | 01954 260623 |
| | Church Administrator | Dr. Elizabeth Burns | 01954 206120 |

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

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Parish Priest: Mgr. Tony Rogers **01223 350787**

Assistant Priest: Fr. David Ward Priest with responsibility for Bar Hill

Deacons: Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop, Tony Sutton

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm

Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays

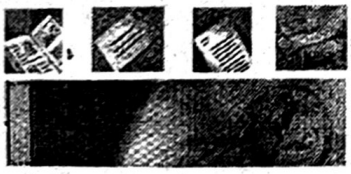
also 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.



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**Bar Hill Church**
**Holiday Club 1999.**

The dates of next year's Holiday Club have had to be unavoidably changed. It will now run from **Monday August 9th to Friday August 13th** inclusive. We are sorry to have to change the dates but hope that early notice of the change will not inconvenience too many of us. More details of the theme of the Holiday Club will emerge in a few months time.

Rev. Gary Renison

# Diary

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| **Apr.** | | | | | |
| Fri. | 2nd | 9.00 pm | Adults' Easter Disco | Sports and Social Club | Village Hall |
| Sat. | 3rd | 9.00 pm | Childrens' Easter Disco | Sports and Social Club | Village Hall |
| Sun. | 4th | 10.00 - 4.00 pm | Garden Furniture Sale | | Chain House, Willingham |
| Mon. | 5th | 10.00 - 4.00 pm | Garden Furniture Sale | | Chain House, Willingham |
| Tue. | 6th | 1.00 pm | Litter Bust | Litter Busters | The Old Farmhouse |
| | | | Sale | Friends of the Rosie | The Daily Bread, Cambridge |
| Thu. | 8th | 10.00 - 12.00 am | Easter Playday | Parent & Toddler Group | Octagon |
| Fri. | 9th | 1.00 - 4.00 pm | Easter Egg Hunt | Children's Activity Afternoon | Around Bar Hill on foot |
| Mon. | 12th | | Competition deadline | Jethro | Behind the Bar' |
| Tue. | 13th | | Start of Term | School | |
| Thu. | 15th | 8.00 pm | Select a magazine and review it | NWR | 4 Almond Grove |
| Fri. | 16th | 2.00 - 5.00 pm | Safe Driving for the Over 60s | | Octagon |
| Sat. | 17th | 2.00 - 4.00 pm | Jumble Sale | Colts | School |
| Mon. | 19th | 7.15 - 9.15 pm | Video Workshop | Swee Kim | Swavesey VC |
| Thu. | 22nd | 7.30 pm | Meeting | Royal British Legion | Village Hall |
| Fri. | 23rd | | St. George's Day Fish & Chip Supper | Conservatives | Longstanton Village Hall |
| Sat. | 24th | 2.00 - 3.00 pm | Nearly New Sale | Toy Library | School |
| Mon. | 26th | 8.00 pm | Planning meeting (with cheese & wine) | NWR | 37 Acorn Avenue |
| **May** | | | | | |
| Sat. | 1st | 9.00 pm | Race Night - Bat Hill Golf Society | Sports and Social Club | Village Hall |
| Sun. | 2nd | 10.00 - 4.00 pm | Garden Furniture Sale | | Chain House, Willingham |
| Mon. | 3rd | 10.00 - 4.00 pm | Garden Furniture Sale | | Chain House, Willingham |
| | | | May Day | | |
| Thu. | 6th | 8.00 pm | Pets for therapy | 8 O'Clock Club | School |
| Sat. | 8th | 10.00 am | Family Fun Day | The PTA | School |
| Thu. | 13th | 2.00 - 5.00 pm | Bedding Plants | The PTA | School |
| | | 8.00 pm | Redundancy | NWR | 185 The Spinney |
| Fri. | 14th | 9.00 pm | Nic Picasso | Sports and Social Club | Village Hall |
| Sat. | 15th | | Presentation Evening | Colts | School |
| Thu. | 20th | | AGM | Neighbourhood Watch | Village Hall |
| Fri. | 21st | 8.00 pm | After 8 at the society | RADSOC | Swavesey VC |
| Sat. | 22nd | | Oklahoma' | 8 O'Clock Club | London |
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| Sun. | 23rd | | St. George's Day Fish & Chip Supper | Conservatives | Longstanton Village Hall |
| Thu. | 27th | 7.30 pm | Meeting | Royal British Legion | Village Hall |
| Sat. | 29th | | Car Boot/Bike Sale | The PTA | School |
| Mon. | 31st | | Half Term | School | |

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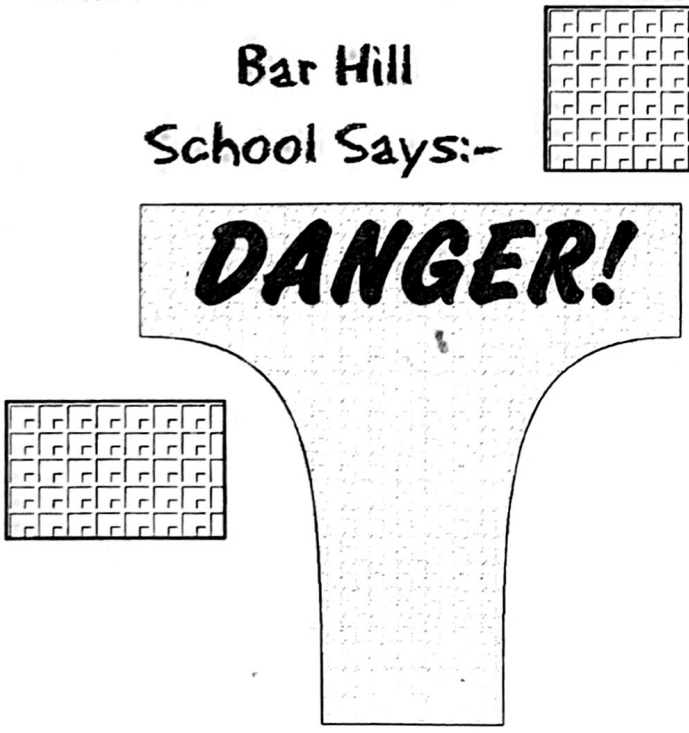


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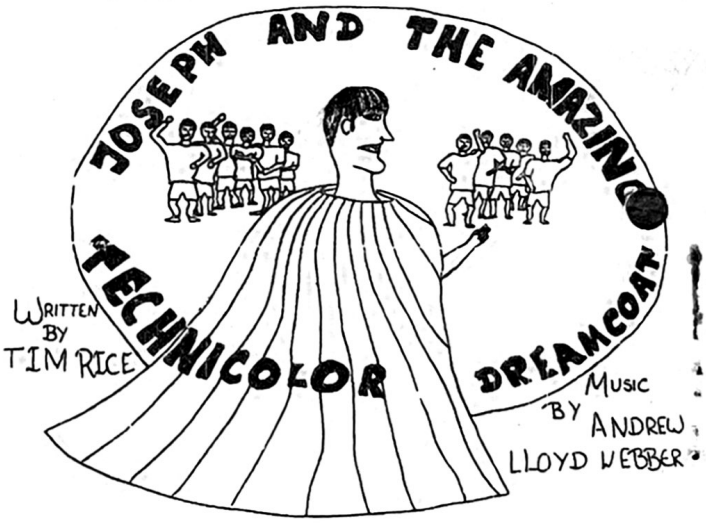


Excellent performances of this well known musical were achieved over several evenings at Swavesey VC last month. Lots and lots of hard work!

Well done teachers, parents and, of course, students.

Who will ever forget that camel!?